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25 years old Portuguese biologist and ecologist, turned science communicator, born and living in Lisbon. I graduated in Biology at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon with a specialization in Evolutionary and Developmental Biology. Later, I got an MSc in Conservation Biology with a dissertation on primate population and conservation genetics, and, simultaneously, a postgraduation in Ecology and Environmental Management. The need to share with everyone all I had learned during my dissertation led me to FameLab in 2017. The experience was eye-opening, it completely amazed me and turned science communication in my only focus. Embedding science – mostly ecology – in society became my aim. Soon after, I started working for cE3c (Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes) and SPECO (Portuguese Ecological Society). At cE3c, I developed a programme of short multidisciplinary courses for undergraduate and graduate Biology students. At SPECO, my responsibilities include content production, graphic design, social network management and event organization (local, national and international). Moreover, in 2018, I was part of the team that brought the international festival Pint of Science to Portugal. As national Vice-President and Lisbon's coordinator, I was responsible for designing the communication strategy and for studying the best way to overcome constraints. My interests are now set upon communicating science myself, the organization and evaluation of science communication activities, as well as citizen science, in which I desire to develop my future PhD studies.